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SUBJECT: TIME MIDEAST "NEWSTOUR" FOR BUSINESS LEADERS

1. BILL STEWART, TIME-BEIRUT REP, HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING FROM MURRAY GART OF TIME-NEW YORK. QUOTE CONFIRMING OUR CONVERSATION, PLEASE CHECK WITH AMBASSADOR GODLEY AND ASK HIM IF HE WILL CHECK WITH OTHER EMBASSIES ON OUR POTENTIAL PROBLEMS. I WOULD APPRECIATE THIS LAST HARD FIX AS OF THIS WEEKEND. WE WOULD OF COURSE LIKE AN UPDATE AS THE DAYS PROCEED, BUT THIS WILL BE FINAL CLEARANCE WE NEED TO DECIDE WHETHER THE WHOLE THING IS GO OR NO GO. I EXPECT TO HEAR FROM YOU MONDAY MORNING. UNQUOTE. STEWART STATES "POTENTIAL PROBLEMS" REFER TO SECURITY.

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2. UNLESS DEPARTMENT WISHES OTHERWISE, I PLAN INFORM STEWART THAT, IF GROUP SHOWS CIRCUMSPECTION DISCRETION AND WISDOM IN WHERE THEY VISIT IN BEIRUT, THEY WILL BE AS SAFE AS IN NORTHWEST WASHINGTON. WHAT WITH PLO THESE DAYS TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE MODERATE STANCE, I BELIEVE THERE IS LESS CHANCE OF DEMONSTRATIONS, ETC. THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN THE LEBANON. IN ANY EVENT, STEWART IS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH GOL ON THIS.

4. SUGGEST ACTION ADDRESSEES GIVE BEIRUT THEIR ADVICE WITH COPY TO DEPARTMENT, AND WE WILL INFORM STEWART. TEL AVIV, JERUSALEM, CAIRO, ALGIERS, AND RABAT MAY HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR QUERY DIRECTLY FROM OTHER TIME REPS AND SHOULD IN THAT EVENT CONSIDER THEMSELVES INFO ADDRESSEES.

5. FOR DAMASCUS, KUWAIT, JIDDA, AND AMMAN: STEWART AND/OR KARSTEN PRAGER NOW VISITING OR WILL BE VISITING YOU AGAIN PRIOR TO "NEWTOUR" TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SECURITY ISSUES RAISED IN STATE 001292 (AND DAMASCUS 0044 FOR DAMASCUS).

6. FOR ABU DHABI: ALTHOUGH AUTHORITIES IN ABU DHABI AND DUBAI HAVE GIVEN TIME BLANKET ASSURANCES ON SECURITY, STEWART BELIEVES PAO NAIFEH MAY WISH DISCUSS DETAILED SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AS PER STATE 001292 WITH ZAKI NUSAIBAH IN ABU DHABI AND HUMAID BIN DARI IN DUBAI AND HAVE THEM PUT THESE REQUIREMENTS TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES FOR ACTIONS.
GODLEY

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